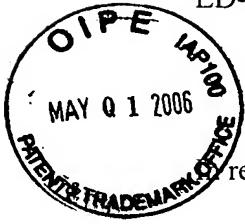


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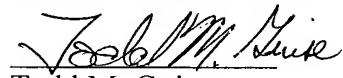
A copy of German Office Action of the corresponding German Application No. 102004018650.2-13 and a translation thereof are attached hereto.

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German Patent Publication DE19834728 appears to disclose an automotive torsion oscillation damper having co-axial input and output sections. An English language copy of the Abstract is provided herewith.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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